

Tuesday, February 27, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1574–1579, and S.J. Res. 49. **Pages S1345–46**

D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Pages S1321–40, S1344**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 20), three fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations. **Page S1339**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, February 29, 1996. **Page S1344**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—20). **Page S1339**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 4:17 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 28, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1377.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the safety of the United States rail network, after receiving testimony from Senators Lautenberg and Mikulski; Representative Wynn; James E. Hall, Chairman, and Bob Laubey, Head, Rail Division, both of the National Transportation Safety Board; Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, and Grady Cothen, Associate Administrator of Safety Standards, both of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Grace Crunican, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Thomas M. Downs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Edwin L. Harper, Association of American Railroads, and Ronald P. McLaughlin, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas F. Prendergast, Metropolitan Transit Authority Long Island Rail Road, Jamaica Station, New York, on behalf of the American Public Transit Association.

TRAVEL BAN TO LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings on proposals to prohibit United States citizens from travelling to Lebanon, including a related measure, S. Res. 202, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham and Abraham; Representatives Rahall, Hoke, and LaHood; former Senator Percy; Robert H. Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Bruce O. Riedel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; former U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain Sam Zakhem; Peter J. Tanous, American Task Force for Lebanon, Ralph R. DiSibio, Parsons Corporation, and Khalil E. Jahshan, National Association of Arab Americans, all of Washington, D.C.; and Casey Kasem, Los Angeles, California.